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## MACEIO LANGUAGE INSTITUTE - MACEIO, BRAZIL

### ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY:

Since 1991, Maceio Language Institute Language Institute has been devoted to providing high quality, personalized language instruction, specializing in Portuguese for non-Brazilians, English and Spanish for Brazilians and students from other exchange countries. Maceio Language Institute is committed to excellence and is proud to be the only member of IALC (International Association of Language Centers) in South America.

The institute in Maceio resides in two adjoining buildings with a house-like structure, the quaint environment enhancing the intimate atmosphere provided to students. There are 10 classrooms, 2 equipped with computer, TV, VCR, and audio. The facilities also include a fully equipped kitchen for Brazilian cooking classes. The two buildings are separated by a lush garden where students, faculty and staff relax and enjoy Maceio's tropical climate.

**Maceio** is the capital of the state of Alagoas, in northeastern Brazil, with a population of approximately 325,000 people. It is situated below low bluffs between the Atlantic Ocean and the Norte (or Mundaú) Lagoon. Formerly called Macayo, the city dates from 1815, when a small settlement there was made a villa. In 1839 it became capital of Alagoas and was given city status. Though much of the colonial buildings are gone, giving way to modern architecture, there still remains the Government Palace, the Metropolitan Cathedral, and Bom Jesús dos Mártires church.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The schools offer both group and private instruction, from absolute beginners to advanced levels. Courses are focused on conversation, though there may be some writing requirements to be completed at home. The textbook is excellent, developed at the University of Sao Paulo. Groups have a maximum of 5 students.

#### Group Intensive Portuguese Program

20 hours per week. 4 classes of 50 minutes each daily of group instruction, Monday through Friday. Classes are held Monday to Friday morning or afternoon.

#### Group Super-Intensive Portuguese Program

6 classes of 50 minutes daily of group instruction, Monday through Friday. Classes are held in the morning and afternoon.

#### VIP Intensive Tutor Program

20 hours per week. 4 private classes per day, with each class 50 minutes in duration. Classes are held in the morning.

### Executive Intensive Program

30 hours per week. 6 classes of 50 minutes of Portuguese language private instruction combined with business terminology for the working professional. Classes are held in the morning and the afternoon. The course can be adapted to the students or companies needs. It includes lunch with the teacher.

### Children & Family Options

\* Toddlers receive supervision by trained Nannies. \* Children 6 - 12 years of age are introduced to the Portuguese language through fun activities and games. \* Teens 12 - 16 follow program especially design for them and their interests. \* Young adults over 16 are included in the adult programs.

### Volunteer Opportunities

This volunteer program is for people interested in learning about sustainable solutions to poverty. All volunteers will work in partnership with local people in a variety of community-based projects. This unique program offers exciting hands-on work opportunities, meaningful cultural immersion, and enriching language program. To be considered for the volunteer positions, please write "volunteer" in the Options box the Preregistration form. Introductory letter and resume are required.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

**Homestays** Live with a Brazilian family to experience the day-to-day lifestyle and practice Portuguese with your host family. Families are carefully selected, ensuring a clean and comfortable home, a single, private bedroom and convenient location to the school. Double rooms may only be booked by two students traveling together. 2 meals daily are included in the homestay.

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The school's arranges excursions on the weekend , once every two weeks, in and around the city of Maceio. These excursions are organized and led by the school's staff to both cultural and environmental attractions, beaches, etc.

### TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

Check out our website at <http://www.nrca.com>  
or e-mail us at [study@nrca.com](mailto:study@nrca.com)

## Programs & Admission Information - Maceio, Brazil

### Programs

Both group and private instruction, from absolute beginners to advanced levels are offered. Courses focus on conversation, though there may be some writing requirements to be completed at home. Approximately 95% of class time is conducted in Portuguese. The textbook is excellent, and is developed at the University of Sao Paulo.



Classes can begin on any Monday for all levels of intermediate and advanced students, or one to two dates per month for beginners. Lessons are 50 minutes in duration with three or four 10 minute breaks taken. The content of the classes depends on the level of the student. Groups will have a minimum of 2 and maximum of 5 students.

All programs are available at both locations with the exception of the Volunteer Program.

**Group Intensive Portuguese Program** 20 hours per week. Students receive 4 lessons daily of group instruction, Monday through Friday. Classes are held Monday to Friday morning or afternoon. The program is offered for all levels, from beginner to advanced levels.



**Group Super - Intensive Portuguese Program** 30 hours per week. Students receive 6 lessons daily of group instruction, Monday through Friday. Classes are held in the morning and afternoon. The program is offered for all levels, from beginner to advanced levels.

### **VIP Intensive Tutor Program**

20 hours per week. The VIP Intensive Tutor Program includes 4 private lessons per day. Lessons are held in the morning or afternoon. The program is offered for all levels, from beginner to advanced. The course can be adapted to the student's language needs.

**Executive Intensive Program** 30 hours per week. The Executive Intensive Program includes 6 lessons per day of private instruction combined with business terminology for the working professional. Lessons are held in the morning and the afternoon. The course can be adapted to the student's language needs and includes lunch with the teacher. The program is offered for all levels, from beginner to advanced.

**Super Intensive Private Tutor Program** 50 hours per week. The Super Intensive Private Tutor Program includes 10 lessons per day of private instruction combined with business terminology for the individual who wants to receive the greatest number and intensity of Portuguese lessons in a very limited amount of time. Lessons are held in the morning and the afternoon. The course can be adapted to the student's language needs and includes lunch with the teacher. The program is offered for all levels, from beginner to advanced.

**Children & Family Options** We can accommodate families traveling with children. The following options are available:

Programs  
Group Intensive  
Group Super-Intensive  
VIP Intensive  
Executive Intensive  
Super Intensive Private  
Tutor  
Children & Family  
Options  
Volunteer  
Opportunities  
  
Admissions &  
Academic Credit  
Certificates

Activities  
Excursions, Cultural &  
Social Activities

### Comments

*"The personnel at the school were great. Besides giving excellent instruction in the language, they provided invaluable cultural information and experiences."*

US Government Worker, San Antonio, TX

*"I most enjoyed being in Brasil and the total package especially going to Carnaval."*

Graduate Student, Leawood, KS

*"What I liked most certainly the host family - the only way to learn the language!"*

Teacher, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

- Toddlers receive supervision by trained nannies while parents are in class.
- Children 6 - 12 years of age are introduced to the Portuguese language through fun activities and games.  
Classes are held at the school in classrooms, the multimedia room, and in the school's garden.
- Teens 12 - 16 follow program especially design for them and their interests and are also held at the school in classrooms, the multimedia room, and in the school's garden.
- Young adults over 16 are included in the adult programs.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

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[FOR DETAILS ON THE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE, PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)

### **Admissions & Academic Credit**

Students age 18 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No previous knowledge of Portuguese is required except where otherwise indicated.

**Please Note:** Visa is required for entry into Brazil for U.S. citizens. Information on visas will be sent to student after Preregistration form is received. For those traveling from countries outside the U.S., please contact your nearest Brazilian consulate or embassy.

Students desiring credit for their study program should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. universities consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

MLI has arranged study programs for some U.S. colleges for which undergraduate or graduate credits has been given. The number of credits granted is determined by the length of stay and number of the classroom hours. Be sure to arrange the NRCSA Credit Option at least 60 days prior to your date of departure.

For general information on academic credit, [please click here.](#)

### **Certificates**

Certificates of course completion are issued to those students who maintained regular attendance and who have complied with the requirements of the curriculum.

# ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE\***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

## MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

*\* If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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# PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

**A. Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
If student, school attending and year

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

In Emergency, notify: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, Address, Phone)

**B. BACKGROUND:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level:  
 Beginner  Post Beginner  
 Intermediate  Advanced

**C. LODGING:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

**D. GOALS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E. INSURANCE:** Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

- Check Preferences.**  
 Single  Share Twin  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes Smoking  No Smoking  Either  
 Yes Pets  No Pets  Either  
 Yes Children  No Children  Either
- PREFER:**  Homestay Involvement  Freedom to Come/Go  
**ARE YOU?**  Quiet  Outgoing  Frequent Traveler  
**OBJECTIVES:**  Enrichment  Academic Credit  Job Related  
**HOBBIES:**  Reading  Music  Cooking  Jogging  Sports

<b>F. PROGRAM INFORMATION</b>	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
<b>Your Signature</b> (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

**INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES**

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For More Info: <http://www.nrca.com/INS24hrHotline.html>

**H. CREDIT CARDS:**

For program deposit only (**not final payment**) check:  
 VISA  Mastercard  American Express Amount Charged \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

**CHANGE FEES** of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

**CANCELLATIONS** are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

**CONDITIONS:** Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

**INFORMATION USE:** Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

**NOTE:** Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.